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Power snag forces shuttle return today

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 13 (AP) — American space officials decided Friday to curtail the second flight of the space shuttle *Columbia* and ordered it to return to Earth Saturday.

The decision was prompted by the loss of one of three electrical power-generating devices on board the spacecraft.

A brief announcement by the Johnson Space Center in Houston said program officials "decided to execute the minimum mission that had been preplanned."

The decision meant that astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly would bring the *Columbia* down in California Saturday at 1:22 p.m. local (2022 GMT).

The announcement by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials also meant that Engle and Truly would spend only about one-half of their originally planned flight time in orbit. They were working Friday on trying to accomplish as many mission objectives as possible before having to come home.

By the time the curtailment decision was announced, they already had activated many of the experiments on board the *Columbia* and briefly tested its mechanical arm.

Program officials had said earlier that they would try to carry out a full five-day mission despite the loss of one power-generating unit. There was no immediate explanation of why they canceled those plans. NASA however said that *Columbia* has achieved its most important goals.

When the announcement to recall was made the astronauts were not in radio contact with the ground and their reaction was unknown. The decision appeared to take mission controllers by surprise. They were insisting earlier that they wanted to push ahead with the rest of the mission.

The electrical-power generating unit which failed was one of three providing the shuttle with electricity. The devices, similar to car

batteries, change chemical energy into electricity and provide fresh water as a byproduct.

Mission officials earlier had expressed confidence that the *Columbia* could complete its 84-orbit mission with just two power units.

Earlier, the astronauts flexed the shuttle's space arm for the first time — successfully completing a test essential to future shuttle mission and the success of this one.

"Looking good," said Truly after the first exercise of the 50-foot (15 meters), Canadian-built mechanical crane. "The movement is much smoother than it was in the sims (simulations). There's no jerky movement whatsoever."

The arm, unable to lift its own weight on earth, is designed to deploy 60,000-pound (27,216 kg) satellites in space. Television pictures showed it practically waving down at earth. Engle, grinning broadly, was shown in *Columbia*'s middeck trying to steady himself while weightless — while taking pictures.

The bionic arm is a unique manipulator that twists at the joints with more swiftness than its human counterpart. A complex network of wires acts as a nervous system. It has electric motors for muscles. Instead of a hand, the bionic arm has an assembly of snare wires. Metal prongs are fixed to a payload that it will handle, and the arm's snare wires are attached to it, then pulled tightly to secure the cargo. Slackening the wire noose releases the object.

It was a seven-year, \$100 million project of Canada's space industry working in conjunction with NASA.

An astronaut uses a control stick similar to one for spacecraft maneuvers to position the arm. With a mere squeeze of a trigger the operator orders it to grab a target and then follows the movements on a television screen. The arm also has the capability of functioning as a completely autonomous robot, following a trajectory stored in its memory.

Eagle was asked to take photographs of thunderstorms over Australia as part of a second experiment, "Super," he said as he went about the task.

Commenting on the mishap, an official said Friday: "One dead fuel cell means *Columbia* comes home. Two would mean a crisis and the swiftest possible return to earth. If all three failed, as flight director Neil Hutchinson put it, "we would lose the vehicle."

"No electricity, no lights, no instruments, no computers, and no engines," another NASA official explained.

The odds against losing all three power cells is overwhelming. And Friday morning, after a routine fiasco of *Columbia*'s operating batteries, mission control said, "Fuel cells No. 2 and No. 3 look OK to us." From 157 miles above, Richard Truly responded, "good show."

The cause of concern is one of three 200-pound (90 kg) batteries that use oxygen and hydrogen in a chemical exchange to provide the shuttle with its sole source of electrical power — and also supply the astronauts with their drinking water.

Each unit can produce about 190 gallons (719 liters) of water and up to 12 kilowatts of power.

Allen explains Japanese bribe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's national security adviser accepted a \$1,000 gratuity from a Japanese journalist for an interview with Nancy Reagan and then put the money in a safe and forgot about it for eight months, the White House said Friday.

The official, Richard V. Allen, accepted the money — in cash — because he "knew this was customary in Japan" and did not wish to embarrass the Japanese journalist or Mrs. Reagan, said White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes. Speakes said Allen put the money in the safe "until he could ascertain the proper procedure for turning it over to the government. The money was intended for Mrs. Reagan, who was interviewed in Washington the day after her husband was inaugurated, but Allen "intercepted it," Speakes said.

Allen, has been cleared of any wrong doing in an investigation by the FBI and the money now has been turned over to the treasury, Speakes added.

Bangladesh poll

Awami League fears rigging

DACCA, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Dr. Kamal Hussein, the opposition Awami League candidate for the presidential election on Sunday, warned Friday that there would be "terrible consequences" if he was not elected because of "dirty tricks" used by the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Dr. Hussein, a former foreign minister, told his final press conference before polling day that the government headed by his rival, acting President Justice Abdus Sattar, was "now trying to deny the people their victory that belongs to them by using unfair and foul means."

Dr. Hussein, 45, has been propelled into the position of the main challenger to aneet 76-year-old Justice Sattar, who became head of state on the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman last May 30.

The opposition leader has been assisted in his feverish month-long campaigning throughout the country by Hasina Wazed, 35, daughter of the late Mujibur Rahman, the

Charles hobby stuns

Collecting 'loos'

YORK, England, Nov. 13 (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles has admitted to a strange hobby — collecting old lavatories. The heir to the British throne, who will be 33 on Saturday, told a demused cleaning staff during a visit with his wife Princess Diana to the National Railway Museum at York Thursday.

"I collect old loos" — British slang for lavatories — "if you are ever getting rid of any I'd like to buy one."

He was speaking while admiring the stainless steel lavatory with ivory pull handle in a royal railroad car used by his great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. The car is one of nine luxurious royal railroad cars on show at the museum in this northern city.

The prince is noted for his off-beat sense of humor and there was suspicion that his remark might have been a spot of fooling at the expense of the British tabloid press. Its zeal in pursuing details of the private lives of the British royals, however trivial, knows no limits.

But a Buckingham Palace spokesman, who may or may not have been party to a royal joke, commented with a perfectly straight face: "I don't think he was joking. I think he's quite interested in old loos."

The spokesman, who in accordance with British practices declined to be named added: "I'm afraid we can't tell you how many loos he has at his new home at Highgrove." Charles and Diana moved into the mansion in the county of Gloucestershire last month.

Newspapers recalled that earlier this year a firm in Aberdeen, Scotland, making lavatory seats got a scolding from the palace over one of its advertisements. It showed Charles and Diana walking down the aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral on their wedding day July 29 flanked by lavatories.

The firm holds a royal warrant for plumbing gear. But the palace described the advertisement as "in very poor taste."



What a strange hobby Charles!

Reagan reprimands Stockman for slip

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has severely reprimanded Budget Director David Stockman for published remarks expressing serious misgivings about the administration's economic program.

The president Thursday refused to accept an offer from Stockman to resign, but the White House later issued a statement saying Reagan was gravely concerned and disappointed.

Stockman, 35, was quoted in the magazine *Atlantic Monthly* as saying the administration's tax cut passed by Congress this year was a "Trojan horse" designed mainly to help the rich.

A pale and shaken Stockman told reporters in the White House he had offered to resign. "I told the president that I would not permit my careless rambling to a reporter to stand in the way of the success of his presidency or the credibility of his program," he said.

Stockman said he believed the administration's economic program could and would work, but he did not deny the quotes attributed to him in the magazine. "The quotes are words that I spoke," he said.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said in a written statement: "Mr. Stockman acknowledged that he has made a mistake and apologized for what he has now come to recognize as a grievous error. The president expressed his grave concern and disappointment about the issues raised by the article."

Stockman's admission provides fresh ammunition for opposition Democrats in Congress, who have been trying to cast doubts on the credibility of the administration's economic program.

Shortly after Stockman made his statement, Democrat David Obey, a senior member of the House Budget Committee, said it would be "very difficult for any congressional committee to believe what he (Stockman) says."

Stockman, hailed as a 'boy wonder' when he took up his post last February played a major role in developing the administration's so-called 'supply side' economic program of sweeping tax and budget cuts.

The former Michigan Congressman quickly elevated himself to the administration's chief economic spokesman, a job the president had earlier assigned to Treasury Secretary Donald Regan. He managed to push most of his budget proposals through Congress, including painful and unprecedented spending cuts.

But the onset of the recession and congressional reluctance to continue budget cutting have recently begun to take the toll on Stockman. Friends and associates said Stockman, who prided himself on working 16-hour a day, had appeared lately to be on the verge of nervous exhaustion.

Following Stockman's appearance at a White House news conference, reporters were given an official statement which said Reagan "expressed his grave concern and disappointment" in the remarks attributed to Stockman in the December issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. The article, in



STOCKMAN STAYS ON: Budget Director David Stockman gets a pat on the arm from acting Press Secretary Larry Speakes Thursday after he said President Reagan would not accept his resignation.

Benn unrelenting

Labor heads for showdown

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Britain's Labor Party was headed Friday for an imminent showdown in the continuing policy feud between Anthony Wedgwood Benn, leader of Labor's left-wing, and party leader Michael Foot.

Benn had been given an ultimatum under which he either gave an undertaking to stop making speeches at variance with the party line and accept the collective responsibility of Labor's opposition shadow cabinet or else lose the support of main-stream Labor Party moderates in the current election to renew the 15-seat shadow cabinet, the result of which will be known next Thursday.

Though that ultimatum expired at 6:00 p.m. Thursday with little sign from Benn that he was prepared to toe the party line, Foot extended the deadline when the two met for talks earlier in the day.

After conferring privately with Foot at the House of Commons, Benn issued a statement which stopped well short of agreeing to toe the moderate Socialist line favored by the majority of Labor's legislators. Foot, party officials reported, responded by again asking Benn to state categorically he accepted collective responsibility for policy laid down by the party's senior parliamentarians.

The inconclusive result left the party wrestling with yet more left-right feuding

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BONN, Nov. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and West Germany signed here Friday a technical cooperation and vocational training agreement. It was signed by Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher. Earlier in the day, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt received the visiting Saudi Arabian

minister to "consult and exchange views" on means of further developing economic and commercial cooperation between the Kingdom and West Germany. They also reviewed bilateral relations. Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Sheikh Yusuf Mutabagani and senior German officials attended the meeting. Aba Al-Khail arrived here Thursday head-

ing the Kingdom's delegation to the Saudi Arabian-German Joint Commission's meetings. The German side to the talks is headed by Cooperatives and Economy Minister Otto Graf Lambsdorf. The commission's two-day session will deal with technical affairs covering economic, industrial and agricultural cooperation between the two countries.

The joint commission was established in 1974 to foster cooperation. The Kingdom's finance minister is accompanied by a delegation of 20 senior officials from various government departments concerned.

Aba Al-Khail and his delegation also attended a luncheon given in their honor. Leading men of business, trade and industry were present at the party.

Bourguiba receives IDB president

TUNIS, Nov. 13 (SPA) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba received Friday Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, talks centered on promoting cooperation between the bank and Tunisia in financing several development

projects here. Later during the day, the IDB president held two separate meetings with Tunisian Finance and Planning Minister Mansour Muala and Agriculture Minister Alassad Ibn Othman.

League team arrives

RIYADH, Nov. 13 (SPA) — An Arab League delegation arrived here Friday on a few days' visit to inspect the Kingdom's rehabilitation centers, with the aim of benefiting from their experiences in setting up the Arab rehabilitation center.

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FAO handed King Faisal meeting hall

ROME, Nov. 13 (SPA) — The King Faisal Conference Hall at the International Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was opened here Thursday.

The key to the hall, which has been paid for the Saudi Arabian government, was handed over to FAO Director General Edouard Saouma by Dr. Muhammad Ali Makki, undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

Speaking on the occasion, Makki reaffirmed that, in presenting the hall, "the Kingdom expresses its appreciation of the organization's noble message and lofty objectives of serving the humanity and freeing it from the clutches of poverty and hunger."

Saouma expressed gratitude for the Kingdom's continuous material and moral support to FAO since the time of King Faisal, and said that this support has always, aimed at serving humanity and working for the happiness and welfare of the peoples of the world.

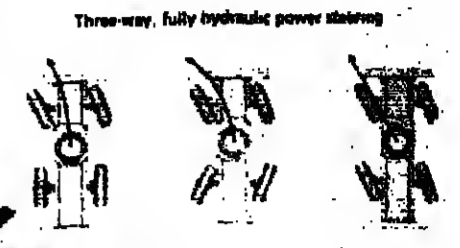
In another development, Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed, vice-president of Madinah Islamic University, Thursday laid the foundation stone for King Faisal Islamic and Arab Studies College in Faisalabad, 350 kms. southeast of Islamabad.

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Talal, Grant sign \$10m accords to help children

By Scott Pendleton

RIYADH, Nov. 13 — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz and James P. Grant, executive director of UNICEF, signed here Friday 10 agreements granting a total of \$10.239 million to UNICEF projects.

Prince Talal is Special Envoy for UNICEF and Honorary Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations. At his initiative, the Arab Gulf Program for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND) was created in April, 1981.

For the period of October, 1981 to October 1982, AGFUND has pledged to donate \$91 million to U.N. development organizations. Of that, \$25 million has been committed to UNICEF, with up to \$15 million more in private donations to be raised for a total of \$40 million. The \$10 million granted Friday was the first of the \$25 million governmental money from AGFUND. The remainder will be donated early next year.

Grant called the signing "momentous" because it was "the first concrete action" of AGFUND. The donations of AGFUND to the UNICEF rank second behind the United States, which gave \$47 million from governmental and private sources last year.

Grant also noted that no countries had ever before established a formal legal entity to support the U.N. development organizations. As a result of the agreements signed Friday, he added, "millions of children will have a better life" and "hundreds of thousands of children who would otherwise die will not die."

The agreements are as follows: Somalia receives \$1.4 million for health, water supply and education projects expected to benefit 1.5 million mothers and children; Bangladesh \$2 million for disease control projects including expanded control of immunization benefiting 3 million mothers and children and Sudan \$2 million for basic health services that help 6.25 million settled rural and one million nomadic inhabitants.

North Yemen receives \$975,000 for health services that benefit 540,000 people, including 300,000 mothers and children and Bolivia \$464,000 for projects to serve children. These include health, water supply, sanitation, nutrition and education, with 100,000 expected beneficiaries.

Jeddah trade activity rising, officials say

JEDDAH, Nov. 13 (SPA) — The commercial movements in Jeddah increased during the year 1401 H (which ended Oct. 27), as reflected in the activities of the Ministry's local branch here.

The branch's director, Abdullah Umran Al-Husseini, said Friday that his office completed 12,000 commercial transactions during the year, and handled 260 cases. The number of companies served by the ministry's branch reached 1,813 while the service licenses issued during the 12 months numbered 104. More than 32,000 commercial registrations were granted to facilitate commercial activities, Husseini said.

He added that a study is being conducted to improve the marketing of products. The study aims at providing improved commercial services, facilitating procedures and enabling the customers to obtain best quality goods and commodities at reasonable prices. Price control efforts are continuing at the city's markets, the director said.

Niger receives \$1.5 million for health and water supply services nationwide; Mozambique \$550,000 for health services benefitting 1.35 million mothers and children; Bahrain \$250,000 for services to 30,000 pre-school children and 15,000 mothers; Oman \$500,000 for community development to assist 42,500 rural inhabitants and Mauritania \$600,000 for integrated basic services benefitting 29,000 people.

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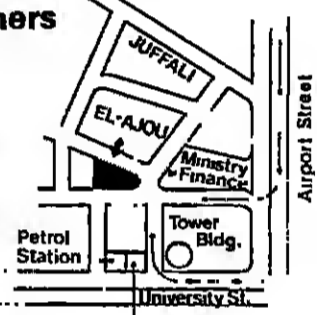
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Autonomy talks end in failure

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13 (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Israeli television late Thursday that the talks just ended in Cairo on Palestinian autonomy in Israeli-occupied Arab territories were a failure.

But he stressed that Israel, Egypt and the United States — the participants in the two-day meeting which finished Thursday without any tangible result — believed that the Camp David Middle East peace accords were still the only way to establish peace in the region. For the moment there was no reason to call a new three-way summit, Shamir commented.

Israeli officials said Friday that Israeli negotiators were disappointed that Egypt did not accept a "generous" Israeli proposal in this week's session.

The talks ended without any suggestion of an agreement on the powers and structure of an administrative council that would run affairs for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli officials, briefing reporters on condition they would remain anonymous, claimed that the Israeli proposal was an "attractive paper" that was "forthcoming" on the issue of the council's powers.

In South Lebanon land mine Three militiamen killed

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13 (Agencies) — Three right-wing militiamen were killed when their armored car detonated a mine in South Lebanon Friday, militia spokesmen said. The spokesmen claimed that the mine was planted by Palestinian commandos. The armored personnel carrier was on a routine patrol near the village of Rashaf in the central sector of South Lebanon.

A United Nations spokesman said U.N. observers heard the explosion but could not give further details as the incident occurred outside the area controlled by the international peacekeeping force.

Militia sources said a complaint had been lodged with the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon.

The deaths were the first reported since last July, when a U.S.-sponsored ceasefire ended two weeks of air and artillery battles between the commandos and Israeli and militia forces led by renegade Lebanese Maj. Saad Haddad.

Two bombs defused near Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (Agencies) — Israeli police Friday dismantled two explosive devices found in bus stations near Jerusalem, a police spokesman said. The bombs were found on the outskirts of Bet Shemesh, several kms south of Jerusalem.

There were no reports of arrests.

Israel radio said police sappers were inspecting all stops and gas stations on the way to Jerusalem for additional bombs. Police warned bypassers to watch for suspicious objects.

Air France offices bombed in Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov. 13 (AP) — The offices of Air France and a building owned by the French Embassy were bombed overnight in west Beirut, and a spokesman for the embassy said Friday he believed an Armenian guerrilla group was behind the attacks. No one was injured.

A man claiming to represent a hitherto unheard of group calling itself the "Only Organization" called the French news agency Agence France Presse in Beirut and declared responsibility for the bomb attacks and warned the group would continue to strike French interests. He gave no indication of the group's grievances against the French government.

A spokesman for the French Embassy who declined to be identified said the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia staged a demonstration outside the French Embassy last month. He said the group handed a letter to the embassy threatening to attack French interests if four Armenian guerrillas held in French prisons were not released by Oct. 22.

OAU parley mulls peace force to Chad

LAGOS, Nov. 13 (R) — Foreign ministers and officials from seven African nations met here Friday to discuss sending a peacekeeping force to Chad. The talks take place in an atmosphere of urgency, fueled by reports of renewed fighting in eastern Chad. President Goukouni Oueddei accused Sudanese forces Thursday of taking part in an attack on Chad government troops.

"It is extraordinarily urgent that immediate action be taken," Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko told the meeting. "This meeting has only one agenda, and that is Chad, with particular reference to the mechanics of sending troops there. Not whether or not but just how and when to send the troops."

Ouko, chairman of the council of ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said the meeting would examine the structure of the force to be sent to Chad, where in the country it would operate and arrangements for transport and accommodation.

The foreign ministers of Nigeria, Guinea, Togo, Benin and Zaire, the Senegalese ambassador in Lagos and the Chadian justice minister are attending the meeting. The first six countries are to contribute to the peacekeeping force in Chad.

Hussein to hold talks with Trudeau

OTTAWA, Nov. 13 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived Thursday evening for talks with Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on the Middle East and other world issues.

Hussein, accompanied by his wife, Queen Nur, was welcomed by Governor Gen. Ed Schreyer as he stepped off his plane at Ottawa's Uplands air base. He is here for a four-day official visit, his third trip to Canada since 1974.

The Jordanian monarch met with President Ronald Reagan last week in Washington and has been touring the United States since.


BRIEFS

PARIS (R) — The United States has suggested that Libya was behind Thursday's assassination attempt on the acting American ambassador in Paris, but Libya rejected the charge as a childish fantasy. The charge d'affaires, Christian Chapman, lied behind his car as the gunmen fired six shots at him outside his Paris home.

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi was quoted as saying he did not rule out retaliation against countries taking part in a proposed international force to patrol the Sinai peninsula. In an interview with the English-language *Baghdad Observer*, Hammadi said the issue could well be discussed at the Arab summit conference starting in Fez, Morocco, on Nov. 25.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Yosef Krummerman, a longtime confidant of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and powerbroker in his party, died of a heart attack Thursday.

NEW DELHI (AP) — India has criticized Pakistan for addressing proposals for a non-aggression pact to the press and public instead of to the Indian government. "No formal offer" of a no-war pact has been made by Pakistan to the government of India, government spokesman J.N. Dixit told reporters.



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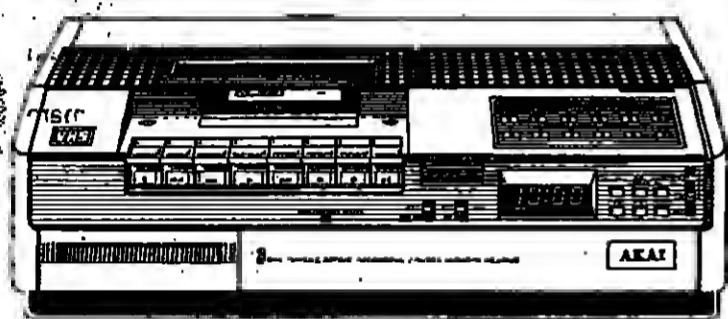



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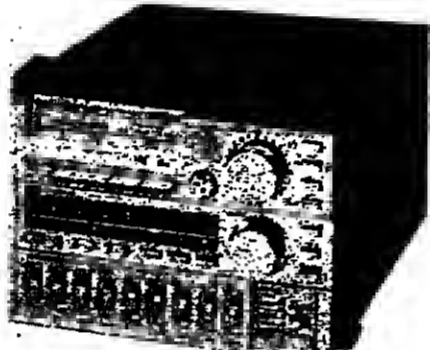
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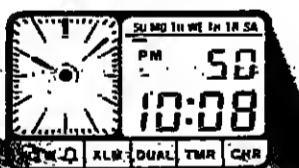
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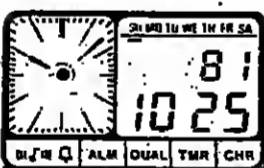
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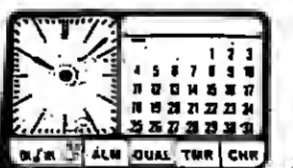
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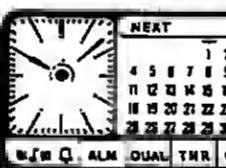
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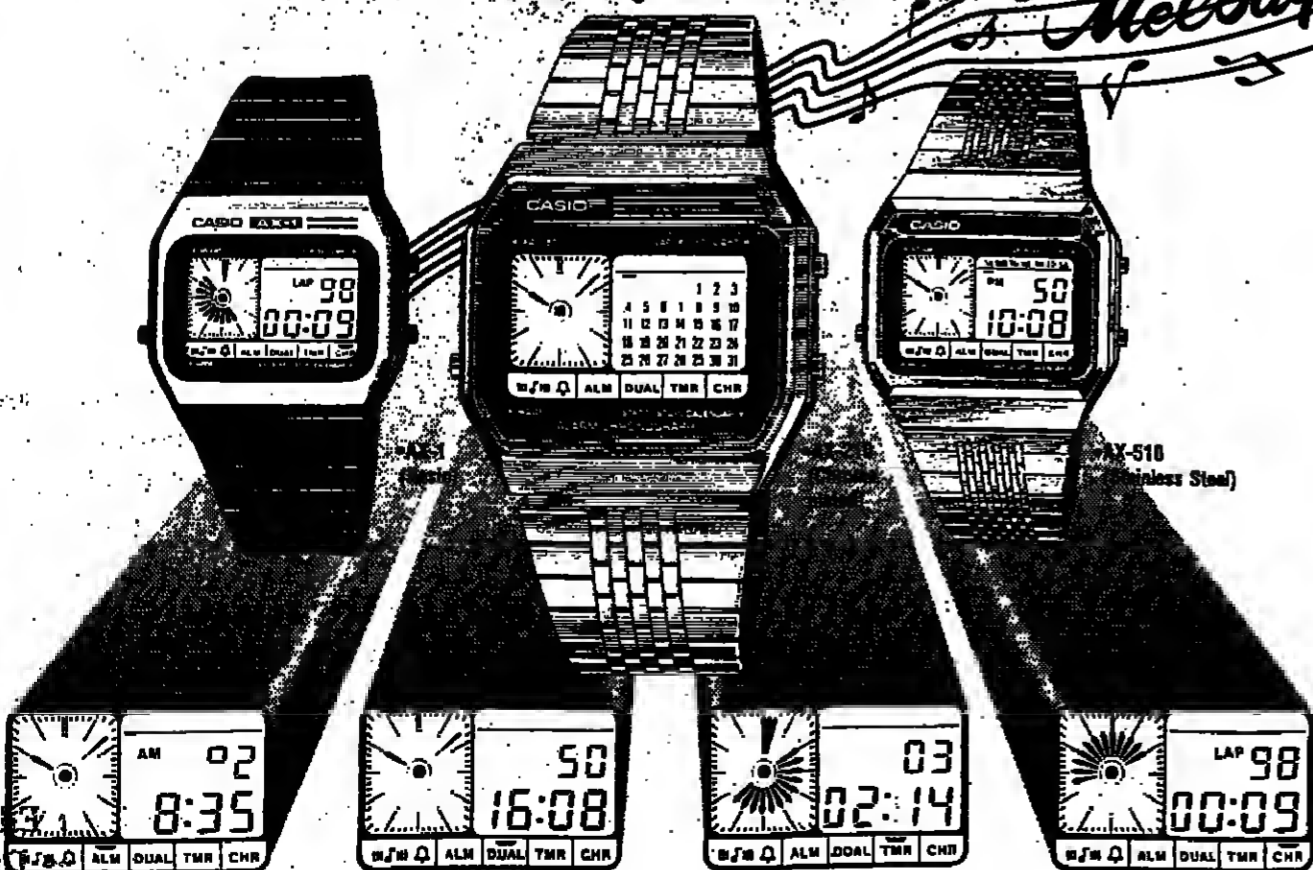


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N. Ireland's peace bid may trigger more bloodshed

By Leslie Dowd

LONDON — British and Irish leaders have launched a new search for peace in troubled Northern Ireland but fears are growing here that it could instead lead to more bloodshed. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the prime minister of the Irish Republic, Garret Fitzgerald, agreed to set up a joint council as a first step to heal relations soured by the long-running sectarian conflict in the British province.

But the two leaders ran into opposition within hours of the Anglo-Irish Council being announced in London last week. In Northern Ireland, 400 masked Protestants sealed off the villages of Kells and Connor with roadblocks for an hour. This was an apparent warning to Mrs. Thatcher that they will fight any attempt to merge the province with the staunchly-Catholic Irish Republic.

Fitzgerald on returning to Dublin from his meeting with Thatcher, was accused of making concessions to Britain. Opposition leader Charles Haughey charged that Fitzgerald was the first Irish prime minister to accept that the Protestants of Northern Ireland, mainly of Scottish descent, could veto the unification of Ireland.

Indeed Fitzgerald, 55, determined to try to reconcile Ireland's one million Protestants and four million Catholics on either side of the border, had agreed with Thatcher that unity could only come about by consent. It is now widely recognized that a peace process is building, boding out hopes of an eventual end to 12 years of carnage in which 2,000 people have died in fighting over Northern Ireland's future.

The process began when Haughey came to London in May, 1980, and met Thatcher. How far the new Anglo-Irish friendship can ease tensions in the province, or contribute to a settlement, can be nothing more than speculation at this early stage.

The peace process, as Fitzgerald sees it, would unfold in this way: The traditions of Catholics and Protestants would gradually become reconciled to the point where Protestants gave their blessing to end the partition of Ireland. "If there were consent the British government will accept that," the liberal-minded Irish leader said in London.

The possibility of extending the proposed Anglo-Irish Council by adding a new tier of parliamentarians will be studied by the two parliaments. This is a crucial point for the Irish, who see such a forum as bringing together representatives of Britain, the Republic and Northern Ireland for the first time with the possibility of working out a peaceful solution.

After coming to power last June with a minority government, Fitzgerald launched a crusade to make the Republic more acceptable to the people of Northern Ireland. Undeterred by strong opposition from Catholic churchmen and politicians, he hopes to strip away some of the more sectarian aspects of the Irish state, one of the few where divorce is still illegal and contraceptives are hard to get.

Fitzgerald, son of a Protestant mother and a Catholic father, also plans to drop the Republic's formal claim to Northern Ireland enshrined in its 1937 constitution.

Hardline Protestants lost no time denouncing the latest turn of events and rejected Thatcher's assertion that the aim was simply to ease tensions and rebuild Anglo-Irish relations. "The ultimate aim is unity," declared the Rev. Ian Paisley, the Protestant leader who is an implacable foe of any move to unite the British province with the Republic and sever Northern Ireland's link with the British crown.

It was the preacher-politicians' supporters who staged the show of strength in Connor and Kells, and the fiery member of the European and British parliaments thundered ominously: "I tell the British government — you ain't seen nothing yet." Many Protestants believe Britain is concealing its long-term intentions for the province, which has a weak economy and costs the British taxpayers 800 million sterling (\$1.5 billion) yearly in subsidies.

"The strategy of successive British governments for the past 10 years has been to bring about unification of Ireland," said John McMichael, head of the Ulster Loyalist Democratic Party. This would be done principally by switching Northern Ireland's economic links from Britain to Ireland, he said.

Protestants must think beyond strikes and rallies and evolve a deeper strategy to prevent this happening, added McMichael, raising the possibility of independent status for the province. "We should stop rattling our sabres and start rattling our brains," he said.

Some clues have already emerged that Britain could be preparing for a day when the Irish of the south and the north will unite.

For one thing, Britain refused to link Northern Ireland to its North Sea gas grid, and a pipeline connecting the province with the Irish Republic's plentiful natural gas is projected. In another instance, Belfast's big Harland and Wolff shipyard was omitted when Britain nationalized shipbuilding in 1977.

Hardline Protestants are not the only militants opposing Anglo-Irish friendship moves. The outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), fighting a guerrilla war to drive the British out of Northern Ireland, regards any contacts with Britain as bad for Ireland.

The IRA emerged strengthened in recent months from hunger strikes in Northern Ireland's Maze prison, though 10 guerrillas jailed for bomb and gun offenses starved to death without the British government conceding their demands for political status. But sources close to the IRA said it had gained many young Catholic recruits and its war chest was swelled by funds from foreign sympathizers, notably in the United States. (R)

Letter to the editor

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Haig revives NATO's option of N-warning shot

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON — In the secret planning councils of the Atlantic Alliance, NATO strategists long have pondered the possibility that a nuclear warning shot might be fired over the sea or into the air to turn back a Soviet invasion of Western Europe. But defense officials of four administrations say the idea never became part of NATO strategy. And U.S. President Ronald Reagan said Tuesday that there still is confusion over its status.

Former U.S. defense secretaries Melvin Laird and Clark Clifford both said the warning shot option was discussed within NATO, but only as one of several tactical options.

Harold Brown, another former defense secretary, said the option dates to the 1960s and was considered a deterrent. But he said it "never got incorporated into detailed planning." Laird traces it back more than three decades, to the Truman era.

Paul Warnke, another former U.S. Defense Department official, called the warning shot option "an old chestnut (stale joke)."

The issue was revived a week ago, when Secretary of State Alexander Haig said in congressional testimony that "there are contingency plans in the NATO doctrine to fire a nuclear weapon for demonstrative purposes, to demonstrate to the other side that it is exceeding the limits of toleration in the conventional area." A day later, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger testified that there was no such contingency plan. "There is nothing in any plan I know that contains anything remotely resembling that, nor should it," Weinberger said.

The Reagan administration then issued a statement calling both men right: Haig in saying that the option "has been considered by NATO," Weinberger in saying "that this option has never been translated into a military plan." To erase the contradiction, the clarifying statement revised what the two cabinet officers had said.

Asked about it at his news conference Tuesday, Reagan said he hadn't been party to 30 years of NATO contingency planning, which he said has proven a deterrent to military action in Europe. Pressed on the specific question of a nuclear warning shot to turn back an invasion, he replied: "Oh, well, that — there seems to be some confusion as to whether that is still a part of NATO strategy or not, and so far I've had no answer to that."

The former Pentagon officials said in interviews that the idea had not been incorporated into NATO strategy. "I don't think it was one that was considered over the last four or five years," said Laird, who served as defense secretary during the Richard Nixon administration.

Dismissing it as "an old contingency plan," Laird said it was one of about 150 considered by NATO over the years and "probably one of the top 30 when we had a 3-to-1 advantage" over the Soviets. "I'm not saying I supported it back then, but there were

some who thought it would be a deterrent," he said. Clifford, who ran the Pentagon in the latter days of the Lyndon Johnson administration, said he took part in discussions of the warning shot option at meetings of a NATO nuclear planning group in 1968. He said "it was one of 10 or 15 ideas" considered then. "At no time did it reach the stage that anybody was recommending it," said Clifford. "Had it come up for a vote, I would have been unalterably opposed."

Clifford, who has been an adviser to every Democratic president since Harry Truman, said that in his view, neither the United States nor its European allies could be the first to detonate a nuclear device "even if construed on our part as a warning."

Warnke, then the assistant defense secretary in charge of tactical nuclear strategy, said the idea was to use a tactical nuclear device as "the shot across the sea," but it was never put into NATO doctrine. He said the plan was floated in an effort to spur the NATO allies to build up their conventional weapons.

Warnke, who was Jimmy Carter's principal

SALT negotiator, said the aim was to stop the Soviets by firing a nuclear shot at sea, or "in some other fashion so you wouldn't kill any Soviets and still show them you take their invasion seriously."

Brown, the Carter administration's Pentagon chief, said a renunciation of any nuclear response to a Soviet invasion would cost the West a major deterrent.

"Suppose the Soviets invade Western Europe and seem to be moving ahead rapidly," he said. "What does the West do? Some would say under no circumstances should the West use nuclear weapons. That creates a real problem of reduced deterrence because the Soviets have substantial advantages in manpower and nuclear force."

To change the course of such a conflict, Brown said, "there are a lot of contingency plans." He said options have been considered for such "demonstrative use" as striking fixed positions behind Soviet lines "or they could be purely demonstrative like firing up in the air."

Brown said he sympathized with the efforts of the Reagan administration "to try to get this into perspective." (AP)

Belgium swings to the Right

By Liz Barber

BRUSSELS —

The Belgian elections have ended with a marked swing to the Right, bringing to an end the 23-year-old supremacy held by the left-of-center Christian Democrat Party. The Christian Democrats, the dominant partners in any ruling coalition since the war, formed the last Belgian government with the Socialist Party.

Political life in Belgium is complicated by the linguistic division in the country. Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north and French-speaking Wallonia in the south are represented by matching linguistic factions in the main political parties. The three major political parties, the Christian Democrats, the Socialists and the Liberals, are not the only choice for the Belgian voters who can support over 20 other parties, some representing hard-line Flemish or Walloon policies.

Both regions are suffering severe economic problems since the onset of the world recession, which has effectively spelled the end of Belgian consensus politics.

No clear picture of the next governing coalition has emerged. Outgoing Prime Minister Mark Eyskens has said that up to seven combinations of political parties could go to forming the next government. King Baudouin will take the next formal step when he appoints an "informateur," to test the ground for creating a coalition.

The Christian Democrats have lost out to the right-wing Liberals who claim to see the solution

of Belgium's acute crisis in policies similar to the monetarism endorsed by U.S. President Reagan and British Prime Minister Thatcher.

Whether the Belgian electorate has voted for stringent economic policy or for a new radicalism in the linguistic issue is still not clear. The Christian Democrats, essentially a Flemish party, uphold the ideal of a unified Belgian state. Their fall from favor is being seen as a sign of readiness by both Walloons and the Flemish to have greater control over their own financial affairs.

The imbalance of wealth between the regions, with relatively well-off Flanders refusing to invest money in the declining industry of the south, is the biggest factor in the split between the two regions. The Walloon Socialists, whose insistence on state aid to their steel industry brought down the last government, have maintained their dominant position in the southern part of the country. However, the Walloon middle-classes who form a separate enclave in Brussels, have not supported the French-speaking parties, but rather the right-wing Liberals.

The Christian Democrats lost the hard-line Flemish vote which went to the Volksunie Party and are threatening to abandon their moderate position to become a radical Flemish party.

The Socialists who want guarantees about the future of the steel industry before taking part in any coalition are unlikely bedfellows for the successful Liberals whose priorities are strictly economic. A Socialist opposition, however, will mean Walloon is seriously under-represented. (ONS)

HAIG IGNORES TEAMWORK

Obsolescence and competition are two facts of life which have been self-evident for decades and which are becoming more and more evident every day when any product appears on the consumer market. Teamwork involving professional designers, immediately drastically improve the product and it is placed on another assembly line within hours and being mass produced at a price which is even less than the original — and it is a better product.

Obsolescence, competition and more importantly teamwork all seem to be totally ignored by the U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig — or perhaps it is due to competition that every week Haig picks out a point from Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East peace plan to criticize. Yesterday Haig picked out another part of the plan and appears to be determined to take it apart word by word.

Although President Reagan has made many positive statements about the Saudi Arabian plan, and has always been an advocate of teamwork, it is interesting to note that such different statements are made by two officials who are, theoretically at least, on the same team. Ever since Reagan began talking encouragingly about the topic, Haig has taken every opportunity to take the opposite position. Observers, and perhaps even Reagan, often wonder if the secretary of state is in the same boat and on the same team with the president. In other statements on a wide variety of topics, it appears he rarely agrees with his boss. This also makes everyone wonder why, if Reagan has been able to make worthwhile progress, why he has not been able to control his own team as his captain.

Support voiced about the Kingdom's plan has been given by just about every unbiased country which has taken a good look at the complete plan and its provisions. Even Reagan seems to be taking an interested look at the proposals and even though he has a fine political line to walk to keep from further antagonizing the Zionist lobby, has always made very positive comments.

Haig, in the meantime, has chosen to publicly nit-pick just about each and every word in the plan and at the same time ignore its goals.

President Reagan, of course, has overcome more drastic adversaries in the past and the criticisms made by his secretary of state have to be taken exactly for what they are, more of Haig's commentary and not the official stance of the White House. Hopefully soon, Reagan will be able to view all of the proposals not as a precise document which has to be followed word-for-word, but as a starting-point which was formulated with teamwork by the Arab world and using provisions provided and approved time and again by the United Nations.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazrah* led with the positive results achieved by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit which concluded its two-day meeting in Riyadh Wednesday night.

Under the headline, "Summit of Success," *Okaz* praised the GCC leaders' final statement which reaffirmed their absolute support for the struggle of the Palestinian and Afghan peoples and agreement to put Saudi Arabia's eight-point Mideast peace plan on the agenda of the upcoming Arab League summit set for Nov. 25 in Fez, Morocco.

Praising the Gulf leaders' approval to submit the Saudi Arabian plan to the Fez summit, the paper said the formula drove Israeli Premier Menahem Begin mad, reaffirmed the aggressive nature of Israel and at the same time achieved a partial positive change in the U.S. stand which can be developed to counter the effect of Zionist brainwashing on the U.S. administration.

"The Saudi blueprint has killed the so-called Palestinian authoritarian talks since the Palestinians

have shown they can accept nothing short of their right to self-determination. It has also blocked the way for any attempts to revive the U.S.-sponsored Camp Davis accords," *Okaz* added.

"At the Arab level, no Arab citizen denies the need for a full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to set up their independent state," the paper concluded.

Al-Jazrah described the decisions taken by the GCC leaders as of great significance "since they would realize a better future for the peoples of the region and ensure Gulf self-strength for safeguarding its security and sovereignty."

Referring to the final statement which reaffirmed that the security of the Gulf was the sole responsibility of its people, the paper said relations between the Gulf rulers and their peoples are much stronger than the impact of any outside conflicts or dependence on any foreign power. (SPA)

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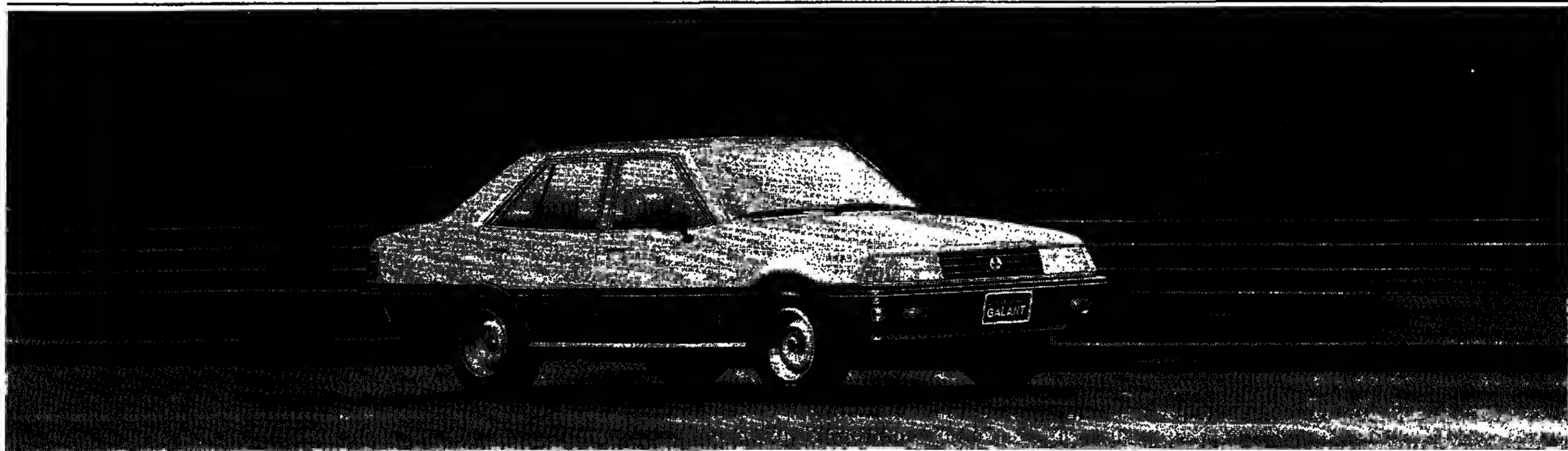
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Distance record set

Balloonists land on U.S. coast

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Nov. 13 (AP) — A chance landing Thursday night ended the odyssey of *Double Eagle V*, the huge helium-filled balloon which touched down near here after completing the first balloon crossing ever of the Pacific and pulverizing distance records for balloon travel.

The craft, piloted by veteran American balloonists Ben Abruzzo, 51, Larry Newman, 34, and Ron Clark, 41, and Japanese restaurateur Rocky Aoki, who financed it, landed at an Indian reservation 250 kms (170 miles) north of San Francisco, three-and-a-half days after leaving Nagashima on Japan's Pacific coast.

The official distance was still to be calculated, but estimates of at least 8,500 kms (5,300 miles) shattered the previous 5,000-km (3,000-mile) record, shared by Abruzzo and Newman for an August 1978 Atlantic crossing.

The landing took place at 0634 GMT (10:34 p.m. local time), 90 minutes after *Double Eagle V*, plagued by a leak and an icy

cover, reached the coast after some spectators feared it would splash into the ocean.

An earlier attempt to land the balloon 20 kms inland was called off because of giant sequoia trees and a craggy terrain, witnesses reported. The balloon drifted northwest, and finally found a landing site in the foothills of the coast range.

The crew had set off at 1805 GMT Monday with a 30-day supply of oxygen and food, and had hoped after reaching the United States to cross the Atlantic and touch down in Central Europe. But a helium leak, announced Thursday, apparently hindered *Double Eagle V* immediately after its departure, and storms off Japan further slowed its progress.

Later, ice built up on the balloon surface, pushing it lower than the crew's favored altitude. More strong winds, driving rain and ice threatened to force *Double Eagle V* down into the sea before it crossed the coast, where hundreds of spectators were waiting to welcome it. At one point Thursday, the balloon was down to an altitude of 2,000 meters

(7,000 feet) 3,500 meters (11,000 feet) lower than the ideal altitude.

The ice melted, allowing the balloon to regain height and continue its flight, but the leak finally forced Abruzzo to decide on a landing. Despite the objective that was not met, and though the crew decided to spend the night in the balloon, the mission control center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was celebrating early Friday, pending confirmation of the obvious: That the record had been obliterated.

For Aoki, a businessman who owns a chain of Japanese restaurants in the United States, the success came after two earlier failed efforts to cross the Pacific.

Though listed as the first manned balloon to cross the Pacific, it was not the first Japanese attempt to land such a craft on the U.S. west coast. During World War II, Japan's Air Force tried to float explosive-filled balloons aloft to reach the United States. Some did, causing forest fires and several injuries.

Getty sued by heir for medical aid

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP) — J. Paul Getty III, heir to one of the world's great oil fortunes, has sued his multimillionaire father for money to pay medical bills after a stroke left him blind and paralyzed at 25.

Young Getty has had a troubled life, confused by his parents' divorce in 1966 and psychologically wrecked by his five-month abduction in Italy in 1973, said his godfather, William A. Newsom, a state appellate judge in San Francisco, Thursday.

He was freed when his grandfather, J. Paul Getty Jr., paid nearly \$3 million in ransom after the captors mailed his mother young Getty's sliced-off ear. The elder Getty at first thought the kidnapping was a hoax and said, "I will not pay a penny."

Young Getty and his mother, Gail Harris Getty, filed the suit last month in Los Angeles superior court to compel J. Paul Getty Jr. to pay the \$25,000 a-month medical expenses, Newsom said.

Although the youth is in line to someday inherit a share of the family wealth from his father, he was cut off from a family trust because he married before he reached 25 and is penniless, Newsom said in a telephone interview.

His father has neither called nor visited, and through his lawyer has told the family he will not pay medical bills.

"To say I'm dismayed is an understatement," Newsom said. "I can't grasp the notion that Paul (Jr.) is demurring from paying these bills."

The suit was filed under a California statute that requires a father who is financially able to support children who incur medical expenses they can't afford, Newsom said. J. Paul Getty Jr.'s lawyer, Robert L. Dunn, has contested the suit on the grounds that his client is a British resident.

Glaring omissions

Top 20 British authors listed

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP) — Explaining how "incredibly difficult" the task was, British publishers Thursday announced a list of the top 20 living British authors. There were some glaring omissions.

There was no Robert Graves, the poet and novelist who is required reading for English majors around the world. Also out was J.B. Priestley, who has written nearly 100 books in a celebrated 60-year literary career.

There was no room at the top for John Braine, Angus Wilson, Alan Sillitoe, Kingsley Amis, John Wain, Muriel Spark, Dick Francis or Daphne du Maurier.

The 20 were selected by a panel of five critics and booksellers for a promotion planned by the British Book Marketing Council next February. Publishing houses submitted four names each.

Narrowing the list to 20 was "incredibly difficult," said Desmond Clarke, council director. "I accept there will be a certain amount of controversy about the choice."

The final list (in alphabetical order): Novelist Beryl Bainbridge, poet laureate Sir John Betjeman, novelist Malcolm Bradbury, novelist Anthony Burgess, novelist

Margaret Drabble, novelist and travel writer Lawrence Durrell, novelist John Fowles, children's writer Leon Garfield, novelist William Golding and novelist Graham Greene.

Also named were poet Ted Hughes, spy novelist John le Carré, poet and author Laurie Lee, novelist Rosamond Lehmann, novelist Iris Murdoch, novelist V.S. Naipaul, author and critic Sir Victor S. Pritchett, children's writer Rosemary Sutcliff, novelist Laurens van der Post, and Rebecca West, the novelist and political diarist.

Among the surprising omissions was Anthony Powell, author of the award-winning "Music of Time" series of novels and holder of literary honors from Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Luxembourg. Reached at his rural home in Somerset, Powell told the Associated Press he was not bothered by the snub.

"It's a matter of complete indifference to me," he said. "Writing is not any sort of competition, is it? It's not a world in which I participate at all." *Times* of London literary editor Philip Howard said singling out Britain's best writers has perplexed critics from Dr. Johnson to F. Leavis.

MX can be moved, says senator

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP) — The Reagan administration will consider a permanent basing plan for the MX missile that would involve moving it around in an effort to deceive the enemy, Sen. John Warner said Thursday.

"That alternative will be considered along with others," Warner, chairman of a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on nuclear arms, announced at a hearing.

President Ronald Reagan abandoned a deceptive basing plan, in which 200 missiles would have been moved among 2,400 shelters in the American west, that was favored by the Carter administration. In its place, Reagan proposed building 100 missiles and putting as many as 40 of them into existing ICBM silos, while studying three alternatives for a permanent basing mode.

The alternatives are to base the missiles deep underground, put them aboard new missile-carrying airplanes, or base them on

land and defend them with anti-ballistic missiles. At an Oct. 5 hearing, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said the administration would not consider resurrecting the Carter administration's "shell game" plan.

On Oct. 27, However, James Wade, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, said he personally leans toward some kind of "deceptive basing concept" combined with anti-ballistic missiles.

Warner, a Virginia Republican, said he and Sen. John Tower, Armed Services Committee chairman, had been seeking "clarification" of the administration's plans and "that clarification is forthcoming." One clarification, he said, was "the incorporation of the deceptive basing concept by the administration in its study." He said "mobility would be a feature" of the deceptive basing plan to be studied.

BRIEFS

OSAKA, (AFP) — The U.S. Navy Friday paid 86 million yen (\$374,000) in compensation to the family of the captain of a Japanese freighter who was killed when his vessel collided with a U.S. submarine on April 9. It also paid sums ranging from 58 million yen to 67 million yen (\$252,000 to \$291,300) to each of the 13 survivors in compensation for the hardships they endured after the sinking of the 2,350-ton *Nissho Maru*.

JAKARTA, (AFP) — An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale rocked the capital and port town of Padang in West Sumatra early Friday, the Antara news agency reported. There was no report of casualties, but a number of buildings, including the governor's office, developed cracks.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Soviet Army publication *Red Star* Friday announced the "sudden" death of air force Gen. Nikolai Vchenski while carrying out his duties, but without giving specific details.

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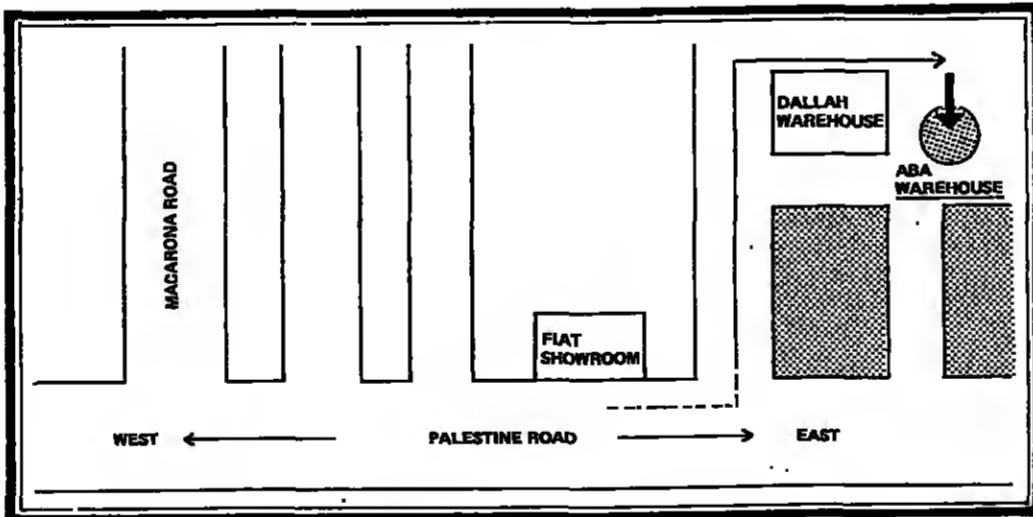
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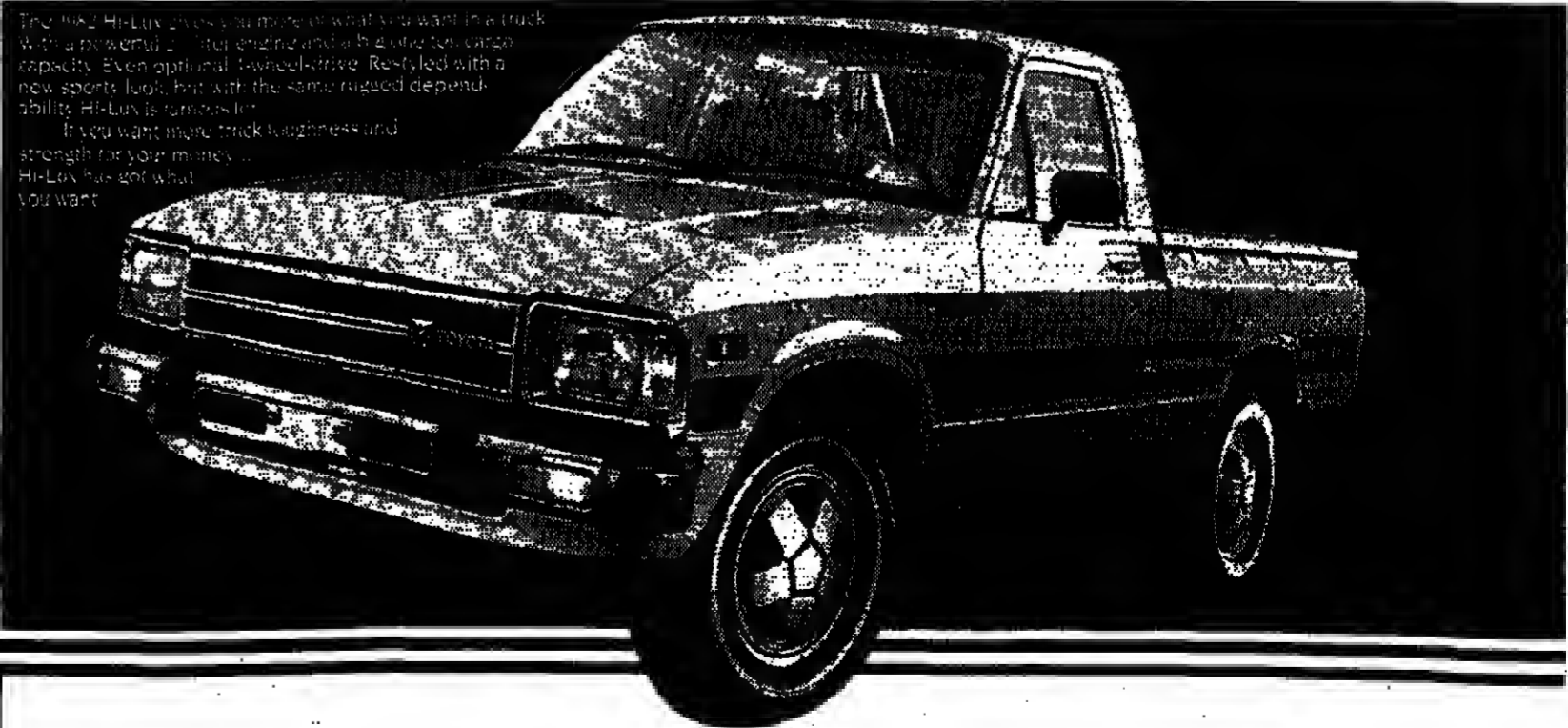
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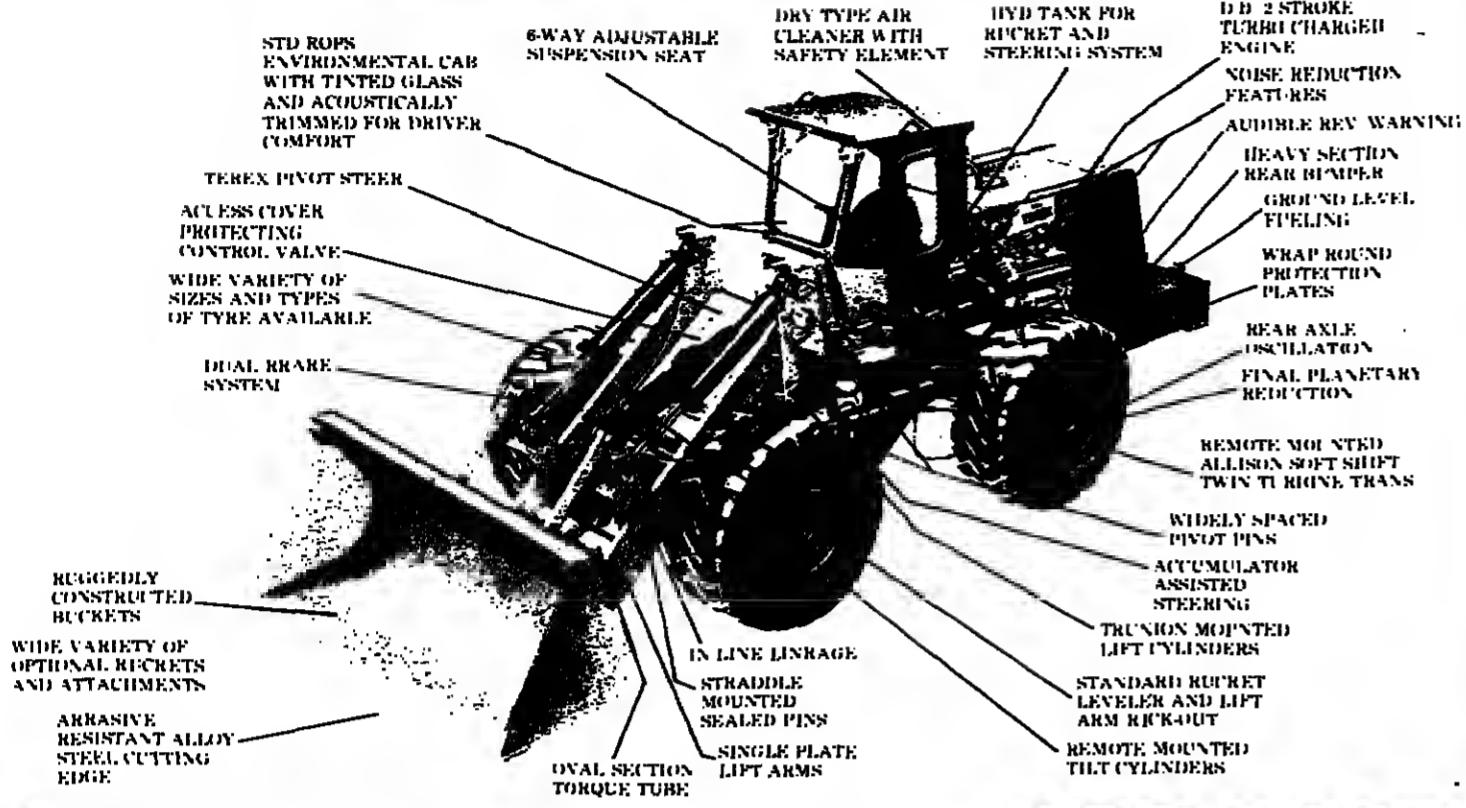


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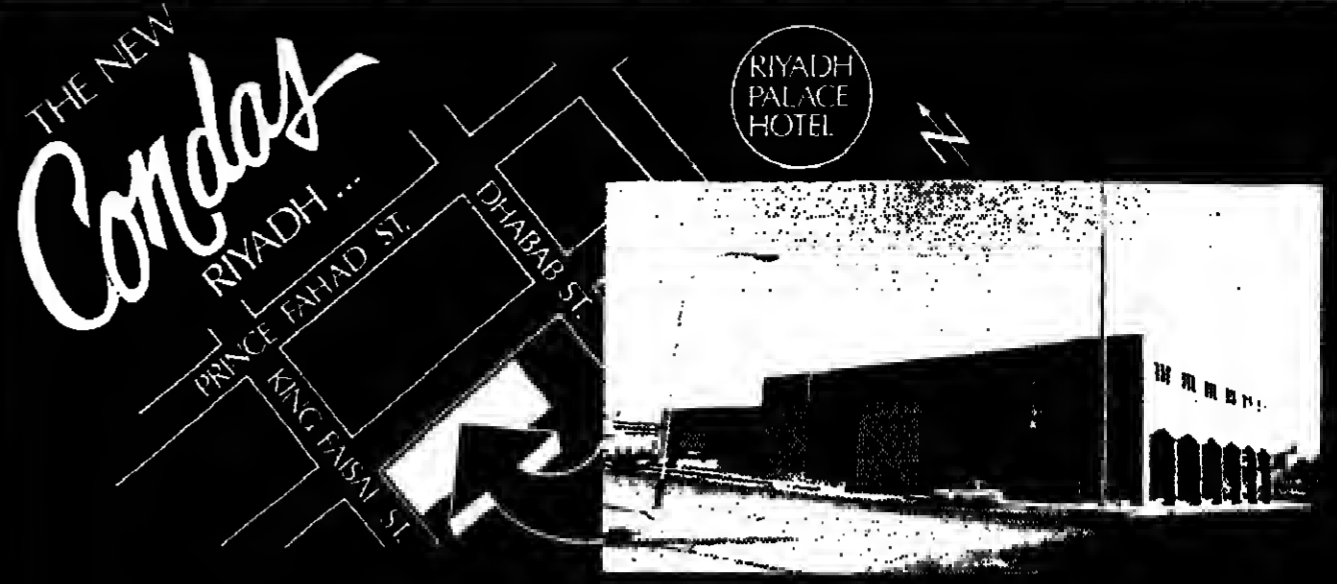


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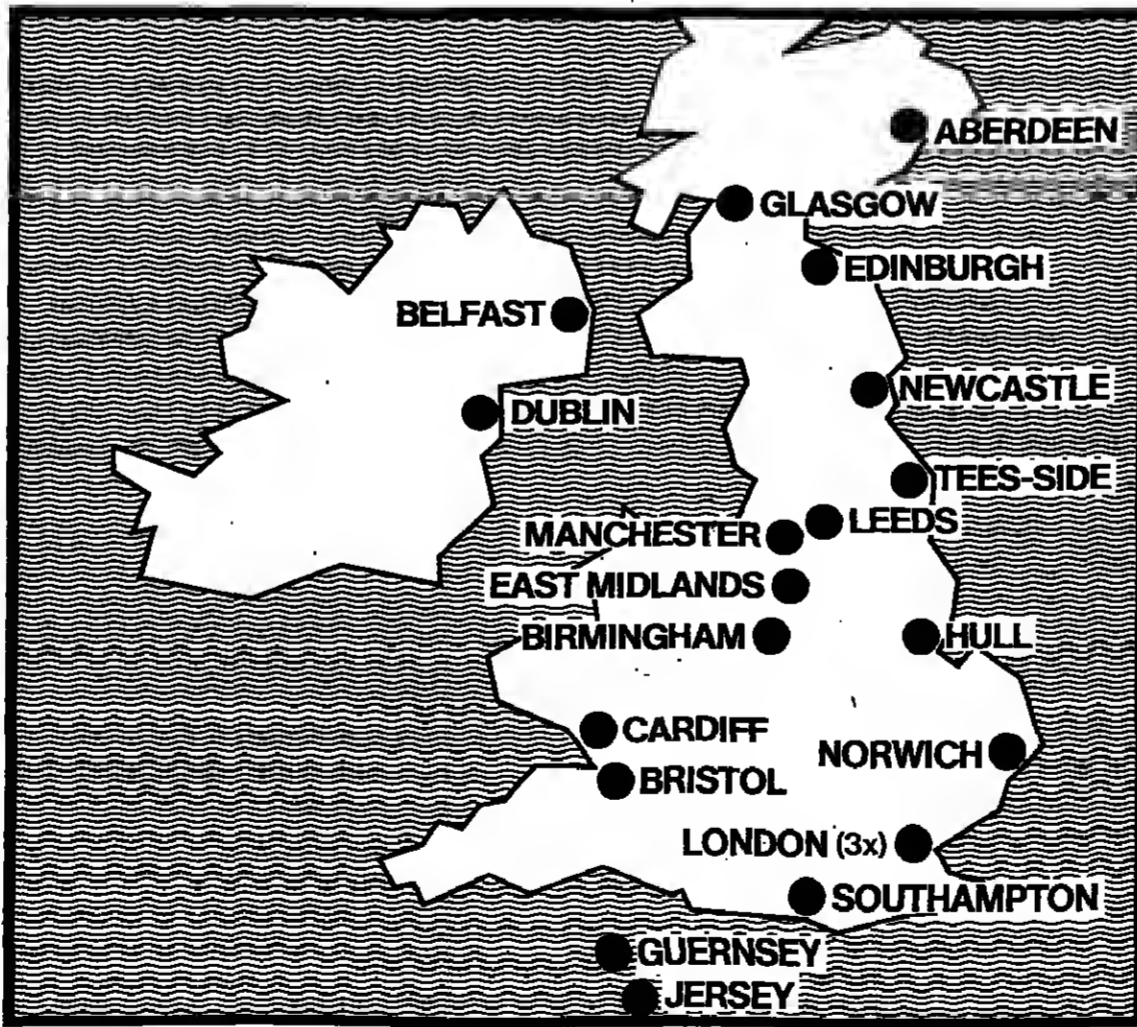
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Boost to Thatcher

Industrial production records rise in U.K.

LONDON, Nov. 13 (R) — Britain boistered the first signs Thursday that its battered economy could be climbing out of recession, reporting an encouraging growth in industrial production.

The production figures, which show a steady increase in output in the third quarter

this year, bolstered Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher when her tough economic policies are under heavy attack.

Mrs. Thatcher sounded an optimistic note last week that Britain was on the brink of economic recovery. She told parliament that Britons would see the difficult times behind them next year.

Government statistics released Thursday showed manufacturing output and total industrial production kept rising in September and were nearly half a percent higher than August.

In the third quarter from July to September, manufacturing output improved 1.5 percent and overall industrial production was up 0.7 percent on the second quarter. The government spokesman at the statistician's office said the figures presented fairly sound evidence that the recession was over.

The spokesman said the figures indicated the recession had "bottomed out" in the second quarter and that the worst of the recession was now over. He said the improved third-quarter performance "is not just a temporary blip." However, economists are quick to point out that industrial production is still lagging behind last year.

Mrs. Thatcher has been under heavy pressure in recent months to abandon her tight monetarist policies. Critics complained that these were not driving down inflation fast enough and were driving unemployment up too fast, to near three million.

Poor bidding thwarts U.S. silver auction

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (R) — The U.S. government held another sale of silver from its stockpile, but later announced that none of the 11 bids for 1.25 million ounces were acceptable.

The sale was the fifth in successive weeks and the General Services Administration (GSA) said later that bidders had sought 3.68 million ounces. The highest bid came from a coin company that offered \$8.451 for 56,000 ounces, the GSA said.

The lowest came from an Illinois man who bid \$1.29 an ounce. GSA officials said his offer was discounted because it was so out of line with current market prices of about \$8.60 an ounce.

Russia ups price of oil to \$35.50

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has raised the price of its oil delivered to the Mediterranean region from \$34.65 to \$35.50 a barrel, oil industry sources said here.

Since oil exports are a major source of foreign currency, the increase should help pay for large scale grain imports needed to offset poor harvests. There were rumors here recently that the USSR was obliged to sell more gold to settle its bills.

The increase dates back to Nov. 1.

'Readjustment' blamed

EEC trade with China dips

PEKING, Nov. 13 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) share in China's foreign trade will have declined further in 1981, for the third year in a row, despite a sharp rise in the EEC's exports in the first six months of the year.

Sir Roy Denman, head of an EEC delegation visiting Peking, said Friday that the share fell from 18 percent in 1979 to 14 percent in 1981. It was forecast that the figure would be around 12 percent this year.

Sir Roy, head of the EEC's external relations directorate, said he raised this matter with Chinese officials Thursday during the third session of the Chinese-EEC joint trade commission.

The Chinese told him the decline stemmed from China's economic "readjustment", which basically affected large basic construction projects. But they added that there were still good openings for Western companies in

the sectors of energy, transportation, light industry and the modernizing of 400,000 small and medium companies.

The EEC last year had a small deficit of \$190 million in its trade with China. In previous years, the result been far more favorable to the community. Total two-way trade last year came to \$3.9 billion.

In absolute terms, Chinese imports from the EEC totalled \$1.9 billion or 21 percent less than in 1979. In the first six months of this year the figure was \$948 million or 31 percent up on a year earlier.

Chinese exports to the EEC have steadily risen since 1977. A 44 percent increase occurred last year, and the figure for the first half of this year was 28 percent up. Sir Roy attributed this buoyancy to last year's textile agreement which enabled China to boost its EEC shipments in this sector from 30,000 tons to 60,000 tons.

U.K. scraps civil service department

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Thursday abolished the 13-year-old civil service department in an apparent bid to tighten control over the pay, numbers and efficiency of British bureaucrats.

In a statement in the House of Commons, Mrs. Thatcher said the functions of the department, which administers Britain's 680,000-member civil service, will revert mainly to the treasury.

Leaders of civil service unions, whose

21-week series of rolling pay strikes earlier this year severely disrupted airports and tax collection, denounced the move.

"It is a further reflection of the rancorous prejudice against the civil service by that woman in 10 Downing Street (the prime minister's office)," noted Les Moody, head of the Civil Service Union, one of the nine main bureaucrats' unions.

Acting on the counsel of Sir Derek Rayner, joint managing director of the profitable British Chainstore, Marks and Spencers, Mrs. Thatcher said a new department will also be set up to oversee civil service recruitment and training.

The move, the biggest shake-up in Whitehall since the Civil Service department was set up in 1968, will lead "to greater efficiency than we have had for years," said Mrs. Thatcher.

"The efficiency of the civil service...is as important to the government as the cost of public expenditure," Mrs. Thatcher added. Rayner has served as a part-time adviser to Mrs. Thatcher on elimination of waste since she came to power in May 1979.

Honda, BL strike tie-up on new car

TOKYO, Nov. 13 (AFP) — The Japanese Honda and British Leyland companies are to develop a new mid-range car on a joint basis for production in Japan and Britain, they announced here.

The launch of the model, coded "XX", is planned for 1985. Leyland already makes the Honda Ballade under the name Triumph Acclaim.

The car will be in the "executive" category, between Honda's Accord and Leyland's up-market Jaguar.

Based on the two companies' accumulated know-how, the new car should be competitive throughout the 1990's, Honda President Kiyoshi Kawashima said.

Raymond Horrocks, chairman of B.L. (British Leyland) cars group, said the new project was the logical sequel to the good co-operation so far on the Acclaim program.

Details of the new development program remain to be worked out. The car will be made in Japan and Britain, and the "twin models" will be marketed in North America.

U.S. asks details on Santa Fe deal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP) — The Justice Department has asked for more information about the proposed merger of Santa Fe International Corp. and Kuwait Petroleum Corp., the two companies said Thursday night.

The companies said in a statement they expected to respond "shortly" and were "confident that the merger will not violate the anti-trust laws."

Kuwait Petroleum, owned by the government of Kuwait, wants to buy all the stock of Santa Fe International, an oil services and exploration company based in California. The Kuwait company proposed paying \$51 a share for about 49 million shares for a total of about \$2.5 billion.

U.S. corn crop to hit new high

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP) — The United States' corn harvest now underway is expected to yield a record of 8.1 billion bushels, up 22 percent from last year's skimpy crop, The U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday.

The new estimate also was slightly more than indicated a month ago. Last year's corn output was 6.65 billion bushels, reduced by severe heat and drought. Soybean production was put at 2.08 billion bushels, up 16 percent from the 1980 harvest of 1.82 billion bushels. However, prospects were shaved 1 percent from the 2.11 billion bushels forecast a month ago.

The 1981 cotton harvest was estimated at 15.6 million bales, a 40 percent increase from 11.1 million bales last year and 1 percent more than indicated last month. The estimates were based on field surveys as of Nov. 1.

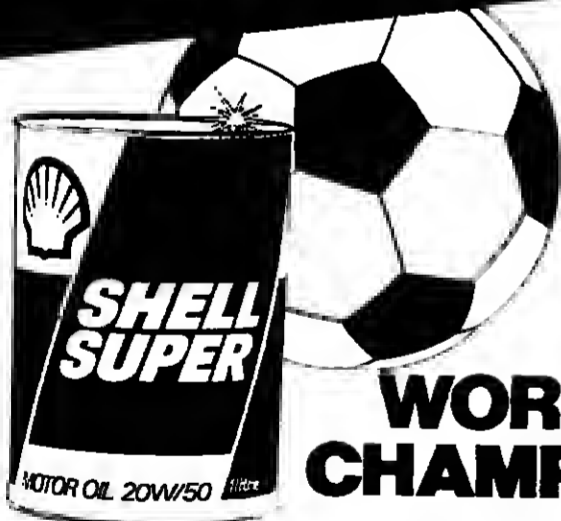
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Egged by farm lobby

Senate move to bar restricted embargo

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP) — The U.S. Senate is bolstering the efforts of farm belt congressmen to effectively preclude any future trade embargoes from being limited to farm commodities.

"If it is fair to embargo one group, it is fair to embargo all of them," says Gen. Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

On a 66-20 vote late Thursday, the Senate approved Percy's proposal requiring congressional approval of any agricultural market embargo imposed after 1984. No congressional approval would be required for an across-the-board trade ban.

Although opposed by the Ronald Reagan

administration because it ties a president's hands in conducting foreign policy, it would not affect dealings by Reagan unless he is re-elected.

Congressional concern over farm embargoes was prompted by the 16-month grain embargo against the Soviet Union, imposed by former President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and lifted by Reagan last spring.

Adoption of the embargo plan came as congressional negotiators were preparing to resume deliberations Friday on house and Senate proposals for stiff federal payments to farmers if agricultural products are singled out as the only element in a foreign policy trade embargo.

U.S. output falls 1.5%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Industrial output in the U.S. fell by 1.5 percent in October after slipping 1.2 percent in September and 0.2 percent in August, the Federal Reserve said Friday.

The October fall is the biggest since June 1980 during the earlier recession here, when it was 1.7 percent.

The Federal Reserve said that the worst hit sectors were the auto industry where output was down by 11 percent, and construction where production was 3.8 percent lower. Auto output is now down to 5.5 million units a year.

But the production cutback affected all sectors, except defense industries — although even here growth was held down to 0.2 percent which is the lowest advance in six months.

Sudan acts to shore up sagging economy

KHARTOUM, Nov. 13 (R) — Sudan has felt the impact of a sweeping austerity package introduced by President Jaafar Numeiri to shore up his impoverished country's tottering economy.

Gasoline pump prices leapt 30 percent and merchants said they were raising the cost of numerous other goods. The president, who also dismissed the entire cabinet this week, was pondering the composition of a new government to carry through his tough program.

Experts said almost the entire 18 million population of Africa's largest country would eventually feel the pinch of Field Marshal Numeiri's measures. But this dusty capital on the banks of the Nile was calm as drivers queued to buy petrol at the new price of two Sudanese pounds (\$2.20) a gallon. Western diplomats also said it appeared the president, who has survived several coup attempts in the

Austerity drive launched

past, had maintained the backing of the armed forces.

Prompted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the president devalued the Sudanese pound and ended subsidies on oil and petro-chemicals, estimated to have cost the government \$500 million of scarce foreign exchange this year. He also announced plans to phase out subsidies on staples such as sugar and flour over the next 18 months.

In return, Sudan has received a 12-month standby credit of \$220 million from the IMF, which financial sources said will be used to help service foreign debts. Khartoum's total debts and arrears are put at more than \$4 billion.

The balance of payments deficit is running at \$700 million annually and in a speech Monday President Numeiri complained about falling exports, particularly cotton.

Faced with a host of problems this year, the president has blamed bad management, indiscipline and lack of expertise for Sudan's economic deteriorating. He said he was appointing a more efficient administration and promised to assure abundant supplies before the government finally ends subsidies on staples.

President Numeiri discussed U.S. economic aid to Sudan Friday with American Ambassador William Contos, the official Sudanese news agency reported.

French Socialists fail to tame labor

PARIS, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Socialist Premier Pierre Mauroy this week found it takes more than six months to win the hearts of the nation's employees.

Six months after the election of Socialist Francois Mitterrand to the presidency, Mauroy faced 600 of them in a smart Paris hotel for two hours, calling on them to cooperate with the first left-wing administration here for nearly a quarter century.

He ended his address with the words: "I see, gentlemen, that you have still to be won over."

On this same occasion, run by the influential business magazine *L'Expansion*, Francois Ceyrac, Head of the "Patronat" employers' Council declared: "We and the government are finding it very hard to understand each other."

"Patronat" vice-president Yvon Chotard complained that too many company managers were being imprisoned by their staff these days. An aggressive escalation was in progress and, "if the government lets it go on, it could create a pre-revolutionary climate," he declared.

Various statistics indicate that there are about 150 or 200 disputes in France at the present time, about the same as a year ago. But a feature today is that these disputes are linked to "change" stemming from Mitterrand's selection, with workers calling for a new boss-employee relationship, shorter hours, earlier retirement and so on. The nation's employers were shocked at the call for heads to roll from delegates at the Socialist Party conference in Valence last month.

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NEW YORK, (AFP) — The Exxon oil firm has decided to give up its interests in Libya and recall all employees living in that country, an Exxon spokesman said here Thursday. Exxon, which was given a concession by the Libyan government in 1955, currently produces an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 barrels of oil a day there — between one and two percent of Exxon's entire production.

PEKING, (AP) — The Royal Bank of Canada has opened an office in Peking, the first by a Canadian bank. Rowland C. Frazee, chairman of the bank, opened the office and gave a reception for the Bank of China, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

Economic Departments.

CARACAS, (R) — Venezuela will earn more than \$20.3 billion from oil exports in 1982, according to estimates by the Economy Ministry for next year's budget. The country estimates its oil earnings this year will be \$19 billion.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The World Bank announced credits for Yugoslavia and Indonesia toward water and energy programs. Yugoslavia gets \$41 million for a \$80 million project to improve water distribution in Kosovo province. Indonesia will receive \$170 million as a contribution to a \$319.4 million scheme for improving power distribution in West Java.

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Blazers crash to first defeat

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers have been playing the best ball in the National Basketball Association so far this season until Thursday night when they went down to the San Diego Clippers 115-122.

quarter, the Clippers reeled off the first six points of the period to build a 97-93 lead, and they never trailed again. Brooks also had 11 rebounds for the Clippers, and reserve center Jerome Whitehead hauled in 14 rebounds.

Aussies crawl to 159 for 7

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 13 (AP) — Australia struggled throughout the opening day of the first Test against Pakistan here Friday to crawl to 159 for seven at close of play.

Woods with 33 in 170 minutes was the top scorer for the Australians. The slow scoring rate was matched by the poor over rate. During the day the Pakistanis sent down only 74 overs — 12 in each of the first four hours and 13 overs in both the fifth and sixth hours.

BRIEFS

MONTREAL, (R) — Hipolito Ramos of Cuba avenged his defeat by Russian Shamil Saburov in last year's Olympic light-flyweight final with a points victory in the World Cup Amateur Boxing tournament at the Maurice Richard arena Thursday night.

Philippine wins

CALCUTTA, India, Nov. 13 (AP) — Philippine crushed Singapore 92-46 Friday in a preliminary round match of the 11th Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship here Friday.

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In Federation Cup semis Switzerland meets U.S.

TOKYO, Nov. 13 (R) — Eighth-seeded Switzerland upset West Germany here Friday to join Australia, Britain and the United States in the semifinals of the Federation Tennis Cup.

Petra Delhees took credit for her victory, beating Iris Riedel-Kuhn 7-6 (4), 6-0 in the singles and then defeating Martina Bunge and Riedel-Kuhn 6-2, 6-0 in the deciding doubles with partner Christiane Jolissaint.

Connors sails into last eight

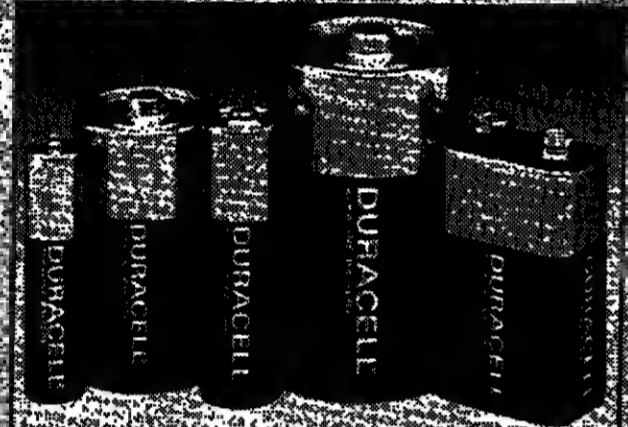
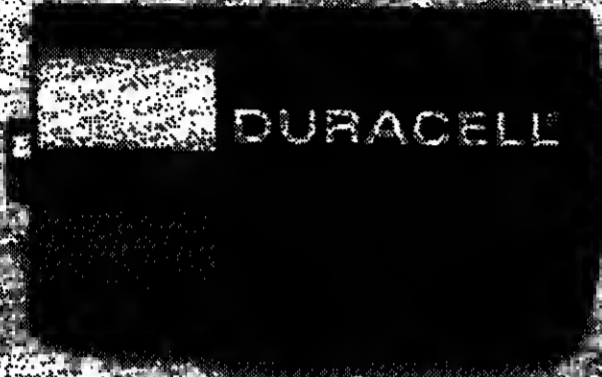
WEMBLEY, England Nov. 13 (AP) — John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, the top seeds, moved comfortably into the quarterfinals of the \$175,000 Tennis Championship at the Wembley Arena Thursday.

McEnroe and Connors are seeded to meet in the final Sunday for a first prize of \$32,500. McEnroe is hiding to win the title for the fourth straight year.

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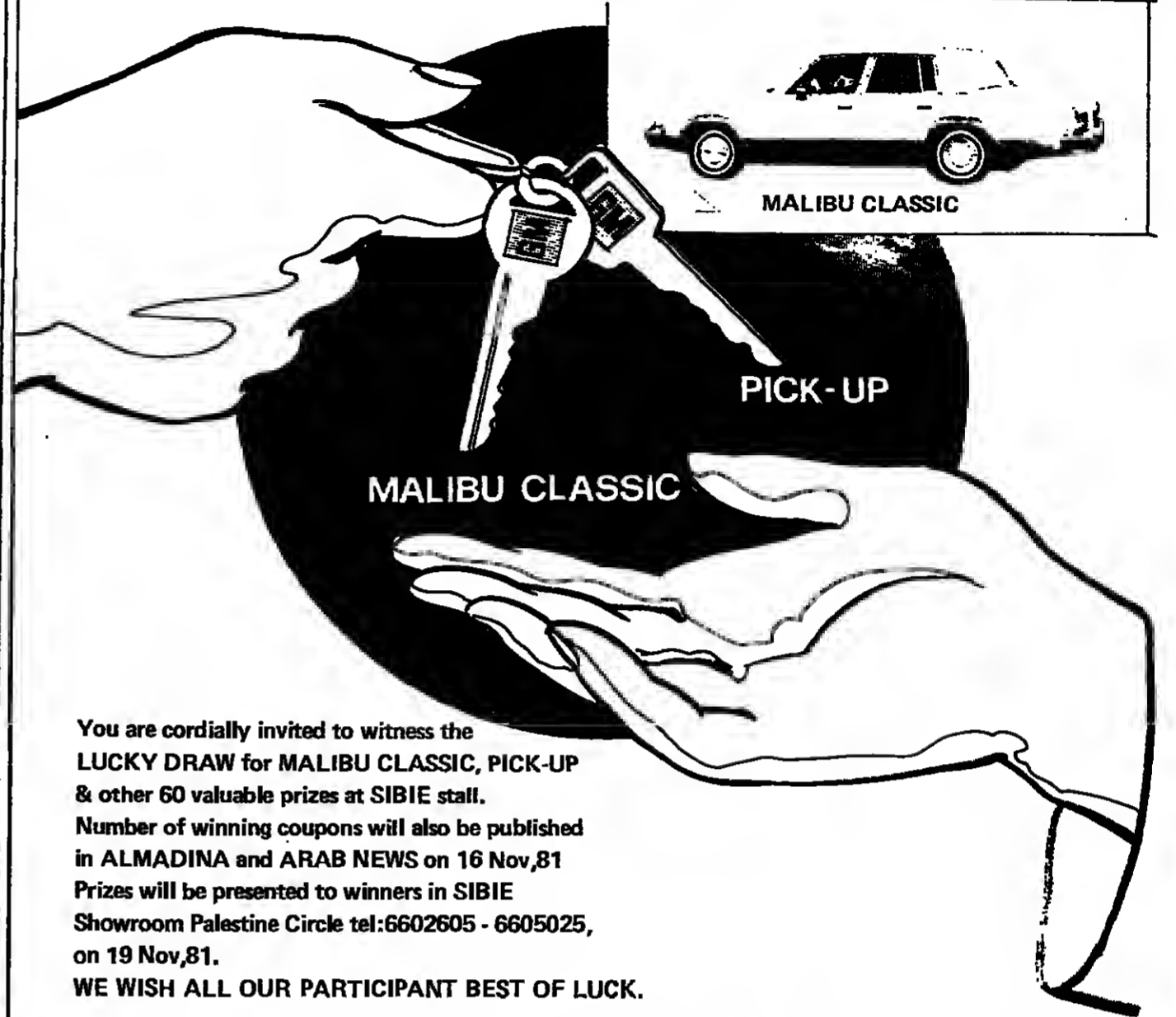
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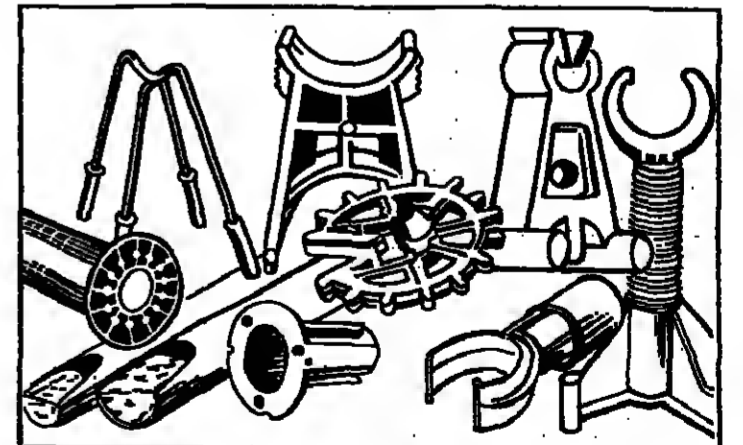
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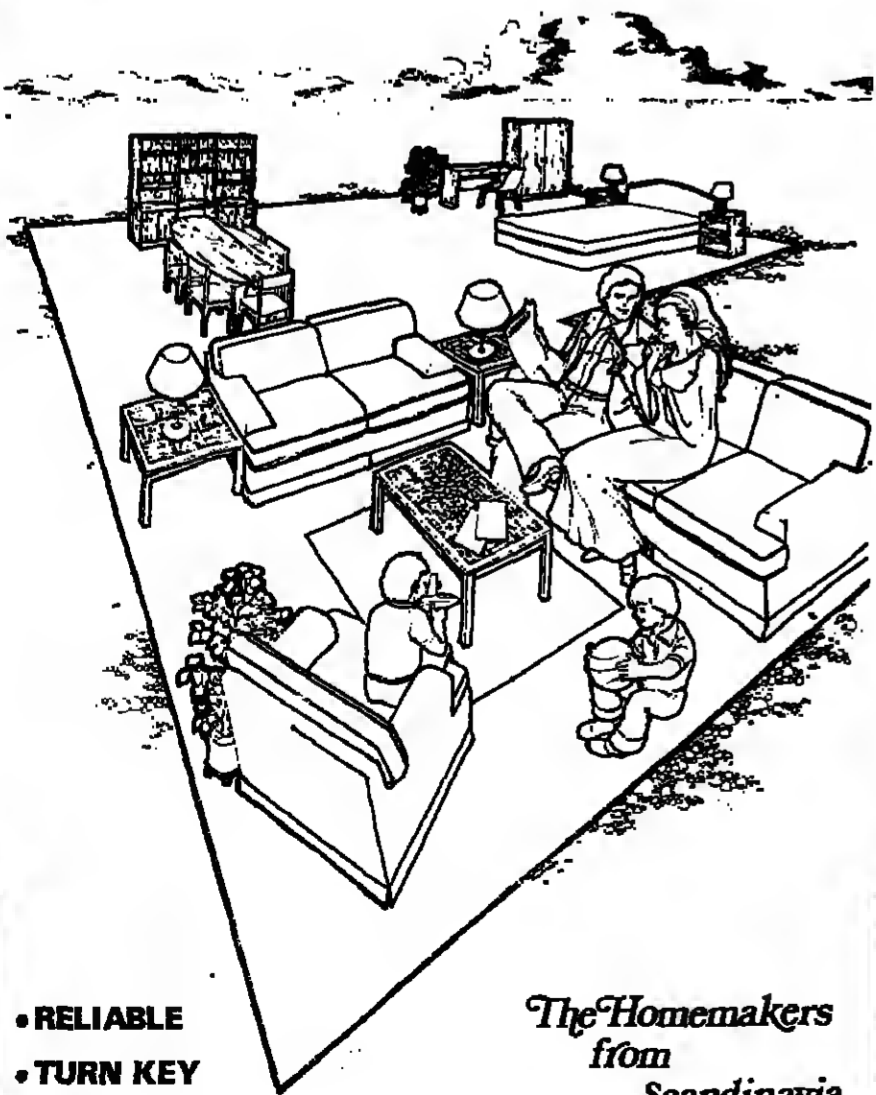
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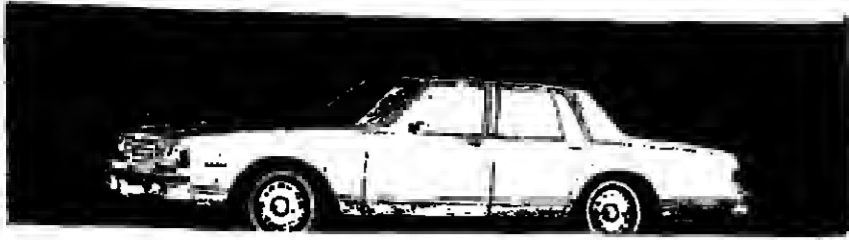
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Stage set for talks

Major labor unrest subsiding in Poland

WARSAW, Nov. 13 (R) — Major industrial unrest appeared to be subsiding Friday as the government and the Solidarity free trade union prepared for peace talks next week against a background of mounting economic chaos.

Some 150,000 workers returned to their jobs in the western region of Zielona Gora after a 22-day general strike and coal miners at the Sosnowiec colliery in Silesia began talks with the government following a 17-day stoppage. Smaller strikes persisted, including a press blackout by news agents and delivery men.

But as the industrial front quietened trouble appeared to be growing in the countryside and the government opened talks in Warsaw with the independent farmers' union.

A protest campaign by disgruntled farmers spread to a second city with some 100 Rural Solidarity activists taking over sugar industry offices in Torun partly in support of a similar sit-in in Siedlce. The Torun farmers said they were also protesting against a new government-sponsored harter system whereby they receive machinery and fertilizers in exchange for their produce.

The government implemented the system to shore up dwindling food supplies but latest economic figures published Friday indicated that it was not working.

The government and Solidarity, meanwhile, were preparing to launch wide-range talks Tuesday on ways of finding a lasting formula for social and political peace, including the possibility of joining in some kind of national front.

The authorities have set the stage for the talks with a combination of threat and conciliation and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has worked overtime to convince his union's 10 million members that strikes are ruining the country.

State television broadcast an official commentary Thursday night attacking some regional Solidarity bosses as strike-mongering "local princelings" whom it called grave diggers of the nation. But television also broadcast a special program on the Sosnowiec dispute triggered by an incident last month in which poison gas was hurled at a group of people outside the colliery.

The strikes had demanded the program and talks with a government representative as a condition for ending the strike. The official news agency PAP reported the mining minister, Gen. Czeslaw Pittrowski, had begun negotiations at the colliery Friday.

The Warsaw daily *Zycie Warszawy*, obviously siding with Solidarity in the dispute, said the decision to air the program had come 16 days too late and added that the authorities' rebuttals of the miners' charges were colorless, irrelevant and evasive. PAP said the 4,000 miners at Sosnowiec later held a rally and decided to suspend the strike. Work resumed on the second shift.

Warsaw University students continued an indefinite strike in most faculties Friday after 700 volunteers slept overnight on the campus. They are supporting fellow student strikes in Radom and demanding enactment of a liberal education law.

The government committee for the economy reported that industrial production had plummeted by 15 percent in October compared with the same period last year and exports to the West were down by one quarter, PAP reported.

Finnish party to split

HELSINKI, Nov. 13 (AFP) — The Finnish Communist Party which has fought a running internal feud for the past decade, is now on the brink of a formal breakup after all its Stalinist members were suspended from the parliamentary group until the end of this month.

Seven hard-liners who earlier this week voted against their com. rades in the center-left coalition government Thursday joined four other Stalinists who had earlier been suspended after going against a ruling of the parliamentary group.

The parliamentary group also decided that a second breach with group policy would mean automatic suspension until the end of the current parliamentary session in March 1983.

Action vowed against IRA

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov. 13 (AP) — Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, James Prior, Friday pledged a government campaign aimed at the "ruthless eradication" of Irish Republican Army guerrillas in the strife-torn province after a spate of IRA attacks.

Earlier, the Rev. Denis Faul, a Roman Catholic priest and longtime critic of British security forces fighting the IRA, disclosed he has launched a campaign to persuade Catholics to stop supporting the guerrillas.

Prior told a news conference at Stormont Castle, seat of the British administration in Northern Ireland, that squads from the army's crack Special Air Service (SAS) regiment were hunting IRA units along the 300-mile border with the Irish Republic responsible for the attacks.

He declared that more SAS teams will be ordered into the flashpoint border zone if military commanders request them. But he gave no other details about the deployment of the cloak-and-dagger SAS units which five years ago curbed much of the guerrillas' activity along the frontier.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in the Protestant-dominated province to reunite it with the Irish Republic and end 60 years of partition. The generally pro-British Protestants oppose this.

The announcement came after gunmen and bombers of the outlawed IRA's "Provisional" wing have killed two members of the predominantly Protestant Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR) and another UDR man's teenage son since Sunday. Another UDR man and a police reservist have been critically wounded.

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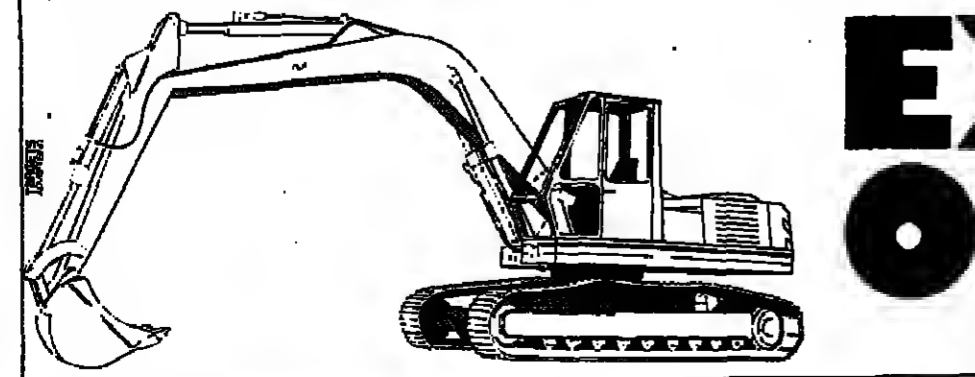


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GANDHI HONORED: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addresses Sorbonne University members Thursday after she was honored as Doctor Honoris Causa of Paris University.

Within a month NATO may welcome Spain

BRUSSELS, Nov. 13 (R) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is expected to invite Spain within a month to become its 16th member and the Spaniards would officially join the ranks of the alliance next spring, Western diplomats said Friday.

Unless obstacles develop in Spain's Parliament, which seems unlikely, Madrid would be formally invited to join when NATO foreign ministers meet in Brussels for their regular late-year conference on Dec. 10 and 11, they said. The diplomats added there was no opposition among the present 15 member countries to Spain's entry.

Sotelo expected to control party

MADRID, Nov. 13 (R) — Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo may take over the leadership of Spain's ruling centrist party to try to end an internal crisis which has raised fears of another coup attempt, political sources said Friday.

The executive committee of the Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) was meeting to resolve the power struggle between Calvo Sotelo and former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez.

UCD's internal strife has triggered Spain's most serious political crisis since last February's abortive coup. Thursday night the government had to officially deny widespread rumors of military unrest.

Prices rose sharply on the Madrid stock market Friday following reports that the prime minister, a Conservative, was virtually assured of having the upper hand over Suarez, a reformist.

Mrs. Bhutto explains secret funds

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 13 (R) — The widow of Pakistan's executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto has broken a four-month silence on political issues with a reply to a government suit for recovery of money which it alleges Bhutto misappropriated from secret service funds.

In a written statement made three days ago to the Sindh High Court, which is hearing the case, Mrs. Bhutto repeated statements by her husband that give a brief glimpse into the use of funds by the Pakistan secret service while Bhutto was in power.

Bhutto was quoted as saying that "individuals of all categories have to be kept satisfied to attain certain national objectives. In this connection secret service funds have to be employed in such a manner as the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing."

The statement was drawn from evidence she said her husband gave to the Pakistan Supreme Court when the government first started legal proceedings over Bhutto's use of secret service funds shortly after he was toppled in a bloodless military coup in July 1977. He was executed nearly two years later for conspiring to commit a political murder.

Mrs. Gandhi denies arms race

PARIS, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Friday strongly criticized U.S. moves toward arming Pakistan. In a French television interview on the second day of her official visit here, Mrs. Gandhi also denied engaging in a weapons race by negotiating to purchase French Mirage 2000 fighters.

Each country has to act according to its experience, she said. India had been invaded "six times" and was not prepared the first two times. When other governments obtained perfected weapons, "we must protect ourselves. We have the feeling we are decades behind."

However Mrs. Gandhi said India had not yet decided to buy Mirages. "I am the last person to want an arms race," she said, recalling that it was on her initiative that India re-established relations with Pakistan and China after wars with them.

She suggested that Western countries were guilty of some double talk concerning the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia. The Vietnamese invaded only after vainly pleading with other countries to restrain Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader, she said, recalling the atrocities committed by his regime.

Afghanistan is a different case, Mrs. Gandhi said. "We are against any foreign intervention," she said, adding that mere condemnation of the Soviet occupation would not help any.

She flatly denied being a Soviet ally or letting friendship for Moscow influence India's nonaligned foreign policy.

Mrs. Gandhi said India's relations with France already were excellent before Francois Mitterrand became president last May. But she thought the two countries had drawn still closer together since then. She said she was particularly happy to be in Paris because of childhood memories.

Earlier, she unveiled a plaque commemorating the participation of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, at the 1938 world peace conference here.

Pirates drown 19 Vietnamese

BANGKOK, Nov. 13 (AFP) — Pirates have savaged a boatload of 19 Vietnamese refugees, eventually dumping all overboard in one of the most gruesome attacks in the Gulf of Thailand, according to reports reaching here Friday.

Only two women in their early 20s survived, said the reports, relayed by reliable officials who requested anonymity. The women apparently clung to plastic jugs for three days and three nights before being hauled in by a fishing boat, then cast back into the sea again.

The uncorroborated accounts said pirates waylaid the refugees on Oct. 25, two days after they set sail from the southern Vietnamese port of Camau. The pirates sank the refugees' craft after forcing them aboard their own ship.

The two survivors, now in the southern Thai port of Pattani, were hauled in by fishermen last Saturday night, but were thrown back a day later for fear of complications.

According to the report, another fishing boat quickly came to the women's rescue, ferrying them close enough to the Thai shore to enable them to swim to safety.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Your column had often in the past found itself in the firing line regarding the woman question. No sooner it carried something about the better half than adverse — sometimes extremely hostile — reactions flooded in. And that from two quarters: those who accuse us, in the language of a late American Senator, of "being soft on women," and those who threaten that unless we stop this unjust campaign they'll stop borrowing the paper from the neighbors. This, we have to point out, is ever the fate of moderates and, being moderates through and through, we have no option but to soldier on.

Once more into the fray, therefore! Armed not with a mad doctrine but a sober fact, we have again to sit in judgment on the evergreen topics.

The fact in question is that of women's economic sense, and this column can tell you from firsthand experience that on the one hand, women are natural born economists who could tell old Mill Friedman a thing or two and show Keynes where he went wrong. This can be demonstrated from the way they behave at home.

There they move around making sure all water taps are tight shut (saving, say, three riyals a month) and that all unneeded lights are turned off (add five to ten riyals). Further, they install such habits in their menfolk so diligently that I once turned off the toilet lights at a certain Hilton hotel as I left, causing havoc among the large number of people present. Children also are taught by bitter experience that leaving the water heater on could mean an immediate bath — never mind if they just had a bath; you simply can't let that hot water go waste. (Add twenty riyals or thereabouts here.) Meals (unapportioned the first time) are usually reheated and you have to appear to enjoy them again (Darling, that delicious chicken curry again!) and children's clothes passed from one child to the next as they grow up. (Add a few riyals here as appropriate.)

Now all that is on the one hand, and it is most admirable. But then, sir, on the other hand, that same good lady would one fine day go shopping and blow 20,000 riyals on a mink coat...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awad

France to reprocess S. African uranium

PARIS, Nov. 13 (R) — South Africa is shipping enriched uranium to France to be turned into fuel elements for its nuclear reactor near Cape Town, a French company spokesman said Friday.

Six months are needed to convert the enriched uranium into fuel elements which will start up the French-built nuclear plant at Koeberg, he said.

The Koeberg power station had undergone successful circuit pressure tests and should go into industrial production in December, 1982, the spokesman for the building consortium's leading company, Framatome, told Reuters.

"The South African Electricity Supply Commission is seeding the first consignment of enriched uranium which will be manufactured into fuel elements in France and shipped back for the Koeberg plant," spokesman Jacques Goossens said.

The enriched uranium was expected to reach France in the next few weeks, he added. Goossens said the uranium was enriched at three percent according to specifications, but he declined to give its origin. Under a 1975 contract South Africa is responsible for the supply of enriched uranium to the plant.

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